

IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant: **Kawaguchi, et al.**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2007 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 13, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that \$600 in excess claims fees are due in connection with this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for this fee, and for any other fees, including extension of time fees or additional excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.